

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Christine Michelle Wood,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 5:12-1757-RMG
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vs.)	
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Carolyn D. Colvin, Commissioner)	
of Social Security,)	
)	ORDER
Defendant.)	
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This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion for approval of attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). (Dkt. No. 38). Plaintiff seeks approval of an attorney's fee for appellate work of \$12,568.00, which equals 25% of the Plaintiff's back benefits award. (Dkt. No. 38-1 at 3). The Plaintiff's proposed appellate fee would produce an hourly rate of \$392.75 for 32 hours of attorney time. (Dkt. No. 38-3). Plaintiff has attached to this motion an executed attorney fee agreement providing for payment of a contingency fee of 25% of the any back benefits award. (Dkt. No. 38-2). The Defendant has advised the Court that she does not oppose the approval of Plaintiff's attorney fee under § 406(b). (Dkt. No. 41).

The Court has reviewed the Plaintiff's motion in light of the standards set forth in *Grisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789, 808 (2002). The Court finds that pursuant to the *Grisbrecht* standards the proposed fee is reasonable and grants the Plaintiff's motion to approve the fee in the amount of \$12,568.00.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RM Gergel', is written above a horizontal line.

Richard Mark Gergel
United States District Judge

April 22, 2015
Charleston, South Carolina